

EXECUTIVE ORDER 92-18

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

(SUPERSEDES EXECUTIVE ORDERS 90-14 & 91-24)

Designating a Governor's Highway and Traffic Safety Advisory Task Force to make recommendations on highway safety priorities.

WHEREAS, highway and traffic accidents exact a heavy toll in terms of personal injuries, fatalities, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, effective action to improve highway and traffic safety requires the active participation of both the private sector and representatives from all levels of government in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity, based on a high level of public interest in auto and highway safety issues, for various State and local government agencies, in cooperation with concerned citizen groups, to develop a comprehensive highway and traffic safety program to help reduce the costs in lives, human suffering, and property loss associated with traffic accidents in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. That a Governor's Highway And Traffic Safety Advisory Task Force be formed:
 - (a) To work closely with the Legislature, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety and all public and private organizations to actively support the enactment of permanent and appropriate driver and passenger restraint legislation in the State of Arizona;
 - (b) To encourage the State and its political subdivisions to reduce the incidence of teenage deaths and injury through the increased use of occupant restraints and improved drivers licensing standards to reduce speed and/or DUI violations;
 - (c) To cooperate with the private and public sector to coordinate state and local campaigns to increase public awareness of traffic safety issues;
 - (d) To promote improved driver training;
 - (e) To achieve more effective driver licensing and driver records and to build support for traffic safety laws;
 - (f) To review the effect of the 1991 legislative changes to the child passenger restraint law as successfully urged by the previous Highway and Traffic Safety Advisory Task Force;
 - (g) To study all available material including laws of various states requiring all motorcycle and bicycle operators on public streets and highways to wear protective helmets and to recommend appropriate legislation to the Governor's Office.

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2. Review the 1990 recommendations of the Governor's Highway and Traffic Safety Advisory Task Force that:
 - (a) Title 28 be revised to make it unlawful for any person who has 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his/her blood to drive a vehicle;
 - (b) To support procedural reform which may be offered to clarify or improve amendments to the DUI laws adopted by the 1991 Legislative Session;
 - (c) State statutes be amended to prohibit children aged 16 years or under from riding in the back of an open-bed vehicle where no opportunity for restraint exists and recommend to the Governor an action plan for implementation of these recommendations.
3. In order for the Task Force to meet this charge, it may:
 - (a) Review available information concerning causes, characteristics, and effects of motor vehicle crashes in Arizona;
 - (b) Evaluate any relevant studies conducted by or for the State of Arizona or any agencies or local jurisdiction of government therein;
 - (c) Examine highway and traffic safety measures now in use or contemplated to be used in Arizona, its counties, cities, and towns.
4. That the Task Force be comprised of **one representative each** from:

Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Department of Public Safety
Department of Insurance
Maricopa Associations of Governments
Pima Associations of Governments
County Sheriffs' Association; and

a physician licensed to practice in Arizona specializing in emergency medicine and representing the Arizona Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians;

a physician licensed to practice in Arizona specializing in surgery and representing the American College of Surgeons;

three (3) consumer representatives appointed by the Governor and any other individuals appointed by the Governor.

In addition, there may be represented as ex-officio members the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Arizona House of Representatives, and the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Arizona State Senate, or their designees specializing in transportation, except that the total number of members shall not exceed fifteen (15).

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5. The Chairman of the Task Force shall be designated by the Governor.
6. The Task Force will submit its recommendations to the Governor.
7. The Task Force shall conclude no earlier than June 30, 1993.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

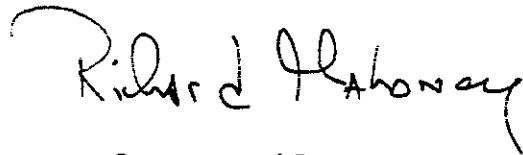


GOVERNOR



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this twenty-fourth day of June in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Sixteenth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State